

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Access point 102 maintains lists of subscriber units operating in SDMA ~~node~~ mode and subscriber units operating in SISO mode (including non-SDMA-capable subscriber units.) The CFP is divided into two subperiods. A time T2 separates the subperiods. In a first subperiod, access point 102 communicates with the subscriber units that are operating in SDMA mode. In a second subperiod, access point 102 communicates with the subscriber units that are operating in SISO mode. Subscriber units 104 communicate data in response to a polling request from access point 102 as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standard and/or they receive downstream data from access point 102.